

all subjects of State taxation within the corporate limits, to an amount not exceeding one-fourth of the State tax, and shall also have power to abate all nuisances, and may impose such fines as may be necessary to abate them.

SEC. 9. That it shall be the duty of said commissioners to Funds. spend the tax so levied and collected in repairing the streets and sidewalks, and keep them in good passable order.

SEC. 10. That the commissioners when organized shall have power to appoint a secretary whose duty it shall be to record the proceedings of the commissioners and also to appoint a treasurer who shall enter into bond approved by the commissioners, and it shall be also their duty to require of the constable elect to enter into bond payable to the State of North Carolina in the sum of three hundred dollars to be approved by the commissioners.

SEC. 11. That the mayor before entering upon the dis Mayor. charge of his duties shall take the oath usually prescribed for said officer, and the constable before entering into office shall go before some justice of the peace and take the oath usually taken by constables.

SEC. 12. That the officers named in section three of this Officers. act shall be regularly elected annually on the first Monday in May, 1874, and every year thereafter and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified: *Provided*, Proviso. That nothing herein contained shall be construed so as to prevent an election being held as provided for in section three of this act.

SEC. 13. That in the event of a vacancy occurring in the Vacancies. board of commissioners the remaining members shall fill the vacancy.

SEC. 14. That the commissioners of said town shall be Compensation. authorized and empowered to allow reasonable compensation to the officers herein provided for.

SEC. 15. That this act shall be in force from and after its When in force. its ratification.

Ratified this 6th day of February, A. D., 1874.